THERE...

WOW! WHAT'S THAT?

A SHOWER OF FLOWER BLOSSOMS!!

FLYING ON THE WIND.

THERE'S NOTHING ABNORMAL ABOUT THE AIRLOCK. AND NO READINGS OF THE PETRIFICATION VIRUS. IT'S OKAY, YAMORI.

FINE

THE CITY STREETS!! THE CANYONS BETWEEN BUILDINGS ARE COMPLETELY BURIED UNDER FLOWERS!!

WELL, DUH. IT'S BECAUSE SO MANY FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING. LOOK DOWN THERE.

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY FLOWER PETALS HERE?

A NEW YORK FILLED WITH FLOWERS! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT.

THIS · IS · A · BIT · EXCESSIVE

IF THIS IS COMMANDER LEOPARDO'S DOING, WHAT WAS HIS PURPOSE IN DOING SO?

HASHIME AND THE OTHERS LANDED IN BLOCK D-66.

EH? AH!!

WELCOME, HASHIME!!

DON'T STAY IN THAT TIGHT SPACE INSIDE HANNIBAL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME OUT?

HAVE YOU PERHAPS FORGOTTEN ME?

IF WE COME OUT, THE PETRIFICATION DISEASE...

DO YOU DISBELIEVE ME? AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, ALADDIN?

YOU · ARE · HELLFIGHER · HANNIBAL · FROM · CARMILLA'S · WITCH · PLANET!!

HANNIBAL? WHASSAT?

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE HERE? THEY COULDN'T CONTROL THIS CAVESHIP. WHY IS THAT?

HMPH. CARMILLA CAME HERE A BIT HIDDEN. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT PETRIFICATION DISEASE.

MR. HANNIBAL, WHAT ABOUT CARMILLA'S PLANET? WHY HAVE YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE?

YOU SAY THAT AND THEN JUST STUBBORNLY OPEN UP...

THIS · PERSON · IS · TRUSTWORTHY

I D- DON'T KNOW. AH! YOU OPENED THE COVER.

THIS SHIP WAS DAMAGED WHEN IT COLLIDED WITH YOURS.

THAT WAS THE BEST WAY FOR THEM TO WITHSTAND THE SHOCK OF THE EMERGENCY...

IT WAS WHILE THEIR BODIES WERE STILL STIFF.

WHEN THE NEW YORK CAVESHIP PLUNGED INTO THE SEA, THE PEOPLE INSIDE HAD NOT YET RECOVERED FROM PETRIFICATION DISEASE.

HMMM

THERE IS NO MORE PETRIFICATION VIRUS. THE PEOPLE ARE GRADUALLY RECOVERING.

I BROUGHT THEM FROM THE FLOWER GARDENS ON PLANET CARMILLA.

SO WHAT ABOUT THE FLOWERS...

DON'T YOU THINK THE PEOPLE OF LA-METAL ARE A BIT LIKE FUNGI?

YOU BROUGHT THE FLOWERS!!

PETRIFICATION VIRUS CANNOT SURVIVE IN AREAS WITH LARGE AMOUNTS OF VEGETATION. IT GETS DISRUPTED IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS A FUNGUS.

HASHIME, DO YOU KNOW THE REAL REASON THE LA-METAL PEOPLE BUILT THOSE CAVESHIPS?

EH...!!

THAT'S A PRETTY AWFUL WAY TO TALK ABOUT YAYOI AND MR. YAMORI AND THE OTHERS.

THE FUNGUS PEOPLE LANDED OVER THERE. LET'S GO SEE THEM.

WE SHOULD BE OKAY WITHOUT PROTECTIVE SUITS. I'M OPENING THE WINDSCREEN.

THERE'S NO READING OF PETRIFICATION VIRUS...IT'S GONE...

INDEED...

EVEN THOUGH THE VIRUS IS GONE, THERE'S NO SIGN OF HUMAN ACTIVITY...IT'S LIKE A GHOST TOWN...

A LOT OF FLOWERS BLOOMED AROUND THERE AS WELL...

AHH...WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SCENT!! IT REMINDS ME OF THE AREA AROUND TSUKUBA OBSERVATORY...

HANNIBAL!!

HAVE YOU TAKEN A FANCY TO MY PRESENT OF FLOWERS, YAYOI YUKINO...

FOR HAVING PLUNGED INTO THE WATER WITH SUCH WILD SPEED, THE BUILDINGS INSIDE DON'T APPEAR TO BE DAMAGED AT ALL.

INDEED NOT. IT'S STRANGE, YAMORI...

COMPARED TO MY PLANET CARMILLA, THE ATMOSPHERE HERE IS THICK AND WARM. SO THEY GREW QUITE WELL AS YOU CAN SEE.

THE PETRIFICATION VIRUS CANNOT SURVIVE IN A PLACE FULL OF FLOWERS.

DID YOU KNOW PETRIFICATION DISEASE HAD SPREAD INSIDE THIS CAVE-SHIP?

BUT...YOU DIDN'T COME HERE JUST TO RAISE FLOWERS...

INDEED...I CAME TO PREVENT THE HUMANS FROM GETTING CAUGHT IN LA-METAL'S TRAP!!

AH

THE NEW YORK SHIP IS FUNCTIONING AGAIN!! FULL POWER IS RE-STORED...THE LIGHT ARE ON!!

TO FIGHT THE PEOPLE OF LA-METAL AND RETURN TO EARTH!!

WHY ARE THOSE PEOPLE ARMED?

I'M SO HAPPY NEW YORK WAS NOT HARMED...BUT I REMAIN A BIT TROUBLED...

FIGHT!? BUT THEY JUST GOT HERE AFTER A LOT OF TROUBLE. FIGHT LA-METAL PEOPLE... WHY...TO DESTROY IT AND GO HOME!? HANNIBAL!!

I AM THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK, TIMERHEAD FRANKLIN. MILLENNIAL QUEEN, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW THE TRUE AIM OF LA-METAL. RETURN TO YOUR SHIP AT ONCE!!

I CAME HERE TO RESCUE...

WE DO NOT NEED HELP. THE PETRIFICATION DISEASE IS NO LONGER HERE.

NO ONE HERE TRUSTS THE MILLENNIAL QUEEN. NOR DO THE SHIPS OF WASHINGTON, MOSCOW, PARIS, LONDON, OR BEIJING!!

PLEASE DON'T SAY SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS, MR. MAYOR. YAYOI IS WORRIED ABOUT NEW YORK...

MY GOOD YOUNG JAPANESE FRIEND, OPEN YOUR EYES!! THE QUEEN IS MAKING A FOOL OF YOU.

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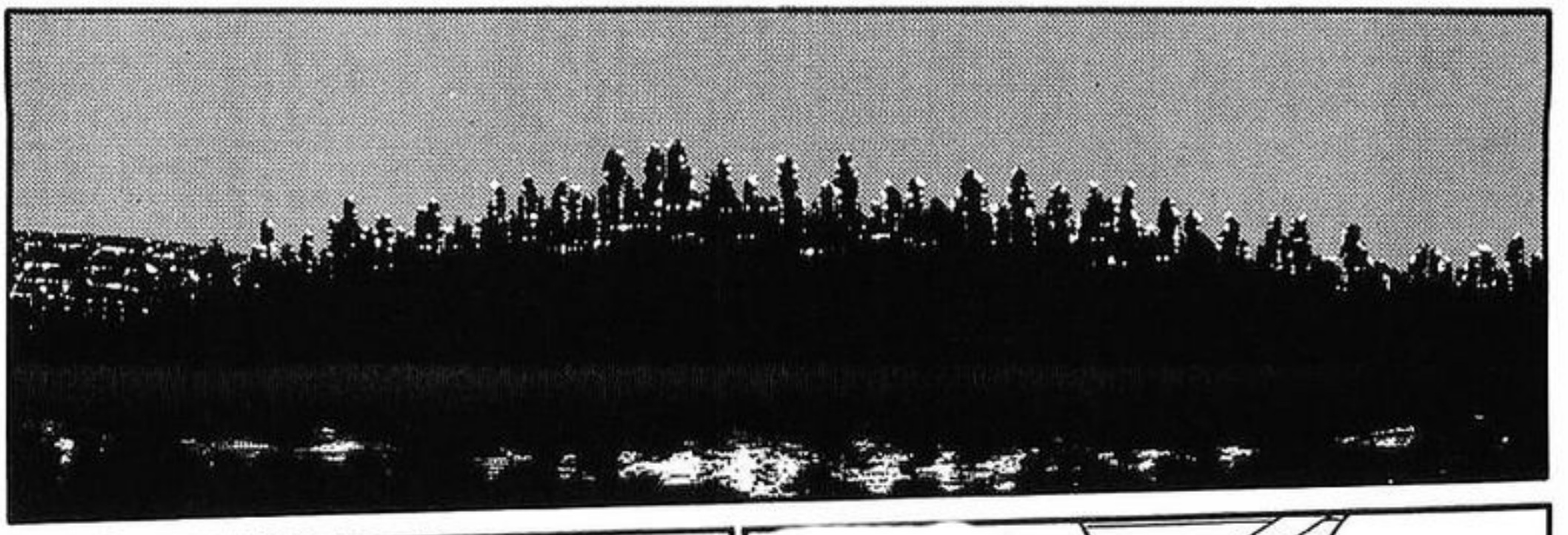

THINGS ARE GETTING HARDER AND HARDER TO FIGURE OUT.

SHE'S BEEN SHUT UP IN HER ROOM FOR THE FIVE HOURS SINCE WE GOT BACK FROM THE NEW YORK SHIP.

WHAT HAP-PENED TO YAYOI?

IT SEEMS LIKE HE KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT EARTH, LA-METAL, AND SPACE.

AND WHO IS THAT WEIRD GUY HANNIBAL IN SOLID BLACK?

AND HERE IT LOOKS LIKE THE REFUGEE EARTH PEOPLE ARE GETTING READY TO FIGHT THE PEOPLE FROM LA-METAL...

IN THE SKIES OVER EARTH, THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES ARE BATTLING LEOPARDO'S SPACE COMBAT COMMAND...

YAYOI!!

IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S FIGHTING EVERYWHERE, UNCLE.

THAT OUTFIT...!!

UH-HUH...

I GO TO THE HOLY PALACE IN MIYU CITY, THE CAPITAL OF LA-METAL.

CAN'T I GO WITH YOU?

IT MAY BE A BIT OF TIME BEFORE I RETURN. BUT WAIT PATIENTLY AND DON'T WORRY...

HUMANS WILL NEVER BE FREE ROAM WITHOUT AN OKAY FROM LA-METAL PEOPLE, EH?

HUMANS MAY NOT FREELY ROAM AROUND LA-METAL WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

THE HOLY PALACE IN MIYU CITY...I'VE BEEN THERE ON A LA-METAL TELEPHONE CALL...

I · DO · NOT · BELIEVE · THAT · IS · THE CASE...BUT · LET · US · AWAIT · THE · RETURN · OF · THE · QUEEN

I'LL MEET YOU...

UFU...YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU GET HERE. RELAX. YOU'RE MY FRIEND AFTER ALL.

"YOUR" PALACE?

COME TO MY PALACE AS WELL, MONKEY. YOU'RE FINALLY ON LA-METAL AFTER ALL.

YAYOI WENT, AND I HAVE AN ACQUAINTANCE ON LA-METAL.

I · RATHER · THINK · IT · WOULD · BE · PRUDENT · NOT · TO · GO

IF IT'S HER PALACE MAYBE SHE'S SOME KIND OF QUEEN.

MIYU CITY...SINCE LONG BEFORE LIFE ITSELF EMERGED ON EARTH, IT HAS BEEN THE CAPITAL CITY OF LA-METAL...

LORD · HAVE · MERCY · ON · MY · SOUL

LOOK! A PIECE OF CAKE! WE CAN FOLLOW YAYOI'S WAKE.

MIYU CITY LIES ON SOUTHERN COAST OF THE CONTINENT OF LAR MIYU. THIS CONTINENT IS SEPARATED FROM THE THE NORTHERN EQUATORIAL CONTINENT OF SCARAB BY A STRAIT OF ABOUT THREE HUNDRED KILOMETERS IN WIDTH.

COULD THAT TALL BUILDING BE THE PALACE?

I · CAN · SEE · THE · QUEEN'S · BOAT · AHEAD · OF · US...INDEED

DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF IT.

UNDERSTOOD, GREAT LEADER. I WILL ARRIVE IN FIVE MINUTES.

YAYOI YUKINO!! LAR ANDROM-EDA PROME-THIUM, THE CENTER GATE WILL OPEN!!

THERE'S SO MUCH MIST IT'S LIKE WE'RE FLYING THROUGH WATER...

ARE YOU SURE THAT'S YAYOI?

TRUST - ME

IT · IS · INDEED · HEARTLESS!!

YAYOI WENT IN, AND NOW IT'S CLOSED!!

GOOD-NESS...IT · ACTUALLY · OPENED

HELLOOO

OPEN SESAME!!

I WONDER...COULD THIS BUILDING BE A LIVING CREATURE...?

IT'S LIKE WE'RE INSIDE A BLOOD VESSEL.

THERE...

WE'RE COMING OUT INTO A ROOM...

THERE'S A LIGHT!!

YOU FINALLY GOT HERE, MONKEY. WE CAN FINALLY MEET IN THE FLESH...

YAYOI!! WHAT'S GOING ON!?

I TAUGHT HER A LESSON ABOUT WHO SHE IS AND HOW FAR SHE CAN GO WHEN SHE COMES BEFORE ME.

LARLELLA... DID YOU DO IT? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YAYOI!?

HAVE YOU NOT HEARD THEM CALL ME GREAT LEADER?

JUST EXACTLY... WHO ARE YOU ON LA-METAL!?

TAUGHT HER A LESSON?

COR-RECT...

HOLY QUEEN...GREAT RULER LARLELLA... MEANING YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MILLENNIAL QUEEN?

I AM QUEEN OF ALL THE WORLD...ALL SPACE AND THE MILLENNIAL QUEENS...OF EVERY LIVING THING OR THING THAT HOPES TO LIVE. I AM THE ONE AND ONLY HOLY QUEEN...GREAT RULER LARLELLA!!

COR-RECT...

AND YOU'RE THE MOST POW-ERFUL PERSON ON LA-METAL?

LISTEN, MONKEY...

EH... WHAT?

HYA

AH WAH WAH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING... WAH!

...MON-KEY...

THIS APPEARS WHEN I'M THINKING REALLY HARD. IT'S CALLED A "WISDOM RING"...

WISDOM RING?

WAH? OHHH. YOU MEAN THIS RING?

THAT'S OKAY, BUT YOUR HANDS ARE REALLY WARM.

EH...HMM... MAYBE TEN...OR TWENTY DAYS AGO...

LISTEN, YOU...WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WASHED YOUR HANDS?

BUT YAYOI IS...

COME WITH ME.

JUST HAVE A LITTLE CHAT... LET'S BE FRIENDS...

F-FRIENDS...

IF I GO WITH YOU, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?

NO OUTSIDERS EVER GO INTO MY ROOM. YOU'RE THE FIRST... MONKEY...

LEAVE · HER · WITH · ME...LEAVE · HER · WITH · ME

YAYOI WILL AWAKEN QUITE SOON. IT'S NO BIG DEAL. YOU CAN LEAVE HER WITH ALADDIN.

WE HAVE ARRIVED.

I DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH A CLASSIC LOOK!!

THE HISTORY OF LA-METAL IS MANY TIMES OLDER THAN THAT OF EARTH.

THIS IS LA-METAL. IT'S IN A PLACE BEYOND ANYTHING AN EARTH MONKEY CAN IMAGINE.

BUT WE'RE AT THE TOP!

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS. DAMN!

WE'RE AT THE TOP. WHERE'S YOUR ROOM?

CHINESE...KENYAN... GERMAN OR ITALIAN. WHICH SHALL IT BE, MONKEY?

WHAT ROOM SHOULD WE TALK IN...A JAPA-NESE-STYLE ROOM WOULD BE NICE...OR MAYBE FRENCH STYLE...

SO LARLELLA, AFTER ALL YOU...

YOU SEEM UNHAPPY...VERY WELL. YAYOI WILL DIE SOON. YOU SHOULD MAKE FRIENDS WITH ME.

ALL OF EARTH CUL-TURE WAS FOUNDED IN LA-METAL...WILL YOU HAVE SOME-THING TO DRINK?

RAMEN...

A ROOM FROM THE WILD WEST WOULD BE NICE. I EXPECT WE CAN RELAX HERE.

THE WHOLE THING IS MADE OF GENU-INE WOOD. COOL, EH MONKEY?

IT SEEMS LIKE A GUNMAN IS GONNA COME OUT.

THERE IS ONLY ONE YAYOI. YOU...DAMN!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "AFTER ALL?" YAYOI BEING GONE DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL. THERE ARE AS MANY REPLACEMENTS FOR HER AS WE NEED. YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THAT BEFORE.

I DON'T WANT IT! I DON'T WANT ANYTHING FROM YOU!!

HERE'S SOME MILK. JUST LIKE ON EARTH.

I'D LOVE TO...BUT MOTHER AND FATHER ARE DEAD...

MONKEY...WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR PARENTS?

BUT VERY WELL...I'VE TAKEN AN INTEREST IN YOU. LET'S START BY BEING FRIENDS.

I RECOMMEND YOU DESIST FROM ADDRESSING ME RUDELY.

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

THAT'S RIGHT. YOUR PARENTS ARE DEAD. BECAUSE OF YAYOI AND SEREN...YOU MUST HATE THOSE TWO.

HASHIME...

EH...

HASHIME...

M- MOTHER!! FATHER!!

HASHIME...

HASHIME!!

MOTHER!! FATHER!! YOU'RE ALIVE!!

HASHIME...YOU MUST HAVE BEEN LONELY ALL BY YOURSELF. BUT YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL TO GET THIS FAR...

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME, LARLELLA!? YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME THEY WERE ALIVE!!

DOES IT PLEASE YOU TO SEE YOUR PARENTS, HASHIME?...

EH...THEN WHAT'S UP WITH MOTHER AND FATHER!?

ALIVE...IT ISN'T AS THOUGH YOUR PARENTS ARE ALIVE...

THEY ARE MERELY PRO-JECTIONS. I CREATED THEM FROM IMAGES I READ IN YOUR MIND.

AH

IMAGES IN MY HEART...

THEY ARE IDEALIZED IMAGES YOU HOLD IN YOUR HEART...DO THEY DELIGHT YOU, HASHIME?

MEANING YOU CAN BASICALLY GIVE ME DREAMS...

I CAN PRODUCE PRO-JECTIONS OF ANYTHING IN YOUR HEART'S DESIRE, MONKEY.

THE GREAT LEADER IS A MONSTROUS PERSON...

I'M GOING TO GET HASHIME BACK...HE'S IN DANGER.

YOU · CAN'T · GO...WHERE · ARE · YOU · GOING · MISS · YAYOI?

A FLEET OF ENORMOUS SCALE IS SPEEDING FROM EARTH TOWARDS LA-METAL!!

WE LOST CONTACT WITH HER AS SOON AS SHE ENTERED MIYU CITY. HASHIME AND ALADDIN AS WELL. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

WHAT'S BECOME OF YAYOI? WE HAVE TO LET HER KNOW ABOUT THIS OR THERE'LL BE HELL TO PAY.

I CAN'T MAKE CONTACT WITH THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES!! THE SPACE COMBAT COMMAND IS RETURNING TO LA-METAL!!

THAT'S LEOPARDO'S SPACE COMBAT COMMAND!!

YES?

PROFESSOR...

DOES THAT MEAN THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES LOST?...I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO SEREN...

IT LOOKS LIKE ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF SHIPS RETURNING IN THE SPACE COMBAT COMMAND AS LEFT FOR EARTH. NO APPARENT LOSSES.

PROFESSOR AMAMORI...

IN LARLELLA'S GREAT ROOM...THAT ROOM IS A TERRIFYING PLACE...

WHERE · IS · HASHIME?

DON'T CALL ME MONKEY, YOU IDIOT. MY NAME IS HASHIME.

SIT DOWN, MONKEY. THIS IS MY ROOM...

...EH...IS THIS...A GARDEN? IT'S QUITE LARGE.

IT ISN'T A GARDEN. IT'S MY ROOM...A RECTANGLE OF TWENTY-FIVE SQUARE KILOMETERS...MY GREAT ROOM...

WHAT? I DON'T GET ANYTHING.

DO YOU GET IT, HASHIME...

I SEE. THE ICE HAS MELTED AS THE PLANET NEARS THE SUN, BUT BEFORE IT WAS FROZEN SOLID.

SCENERY LIKE THIS...USED TO BE THE NATURAL COVER ALL OF LA-METAL. WHEN LA-METAL WAS WARM...IT WAS A HEAVEN OF FLOWERS AND GREENERY.

NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE YEARS OF HIBERNATION...A SPRING OF BLOOMING FLOWERS THAT COMES ONLY WHEN THE PLANET NEARS THE SUN.

IN THIS PLACE IT NEVER FREEZES. IT IS ARTIFICIAL NATURE...EVER SINCE LA-METAL ENTERED ITS ELLIPTICAL ORBIT AROUND THE SUN.

AFTER THIS TIME, LA-METAL WILL FREEZE FOREVER INTO ETERNAL HIBERNATION...

CEASE?

BUT...AS RARE AS IT IS...THE ONCE-EVERY-THOUSAND-YEAR SPRINGS CEASE THIS TIME.

LISTEN MONKEY...NO, HASHIME...BECAUSE YOU ARE MY FRIEND I'LL LET YOU BE THE ONLY ONE TO KNOW THE TRUTH!!

HIBERNATION FOREVER? BUT...THE EARTH IS GOING TO CRACK UP...THAT'S THE REASON WE ALL CAME TO LA-METAL!!

EHH...THEN WHY DID A BUNCH OF PEOPLE COME TO LA-METAL IN THE CAVESHIPS?

THE EARTH WILL NOT CRACK UP!! NOR WILL LA-METAL. THEY WILL MERELY PASS BY ONE ANOTHER!!

START HAPPENING?

YOU'LL UNDER-STAND THAT...AS SOON AS YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING TO START HAPPENING.

FULL POW-ER...AN ENOR-MOUS THRUST-ER HAS FIRED UP!!

WHAT · IS · THE · MEANING · OF · THIS · EARTH-QUAKE?

OOF. AN EARTH-QUAKE!

THIS IS A REAL FIX. YAYOI AND HASHIME ARE BOTH GONE...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THE EPICENTER IS FIVE KILOMETERS DIRECTLY BELOW MIYU CITY. A TSUNAMI WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY, PROFESSOR.

AN EARTHQUAKE!!

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

TWO HOURS...THEY'LL PROBABLY BE IN AN UPROAR. THINGS HAVE GOTTEN REALLY HECTIC AROUND HERE, AND ALL I CAN DO IS WATCH...PATHETIC.

LEONARDO'S COMBAT COMMAND WILL ARRIVE BACK AT LA-METAL IN TWO HOURS.